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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 NORTHWEST IMMIGRANT RIGHTS
9 PROJECT,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION
13 AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT;
14 and UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
15 OF HOMELAND SECURITY,

16 Defendants.

C24-1533 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

17 THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon an action brought under the
18 Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”).

19 Having reviewed the complaint in this matter, the Court concludes that this
20 proceeding is exempt from the initial disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P.
21 26(a)(1)(A) and the initial conference requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f). *See* Fed. R.
22 Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(i).

23 To facilitate entry of an appropriate scheduling order in this matter, and pursuant
to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and Local Civil Rule 16, counsel are directed to confer and to file a

1 JOINT STATUS REPORT by January 17, 2025. The conference among counsel shall be
2 by direct and personal communication, whether via face-to-face meeting or telephonic
3 conference. The Joint Status Report must contain the following information by
4 corresponding paragraph numbers:

5 1. A concise statement of the positions of the parties concerning the relief
6 requested in the complaint.

7 2. A summary of the procedural posture of the case and/or the status of the
8 FOIA requests at issue and any responses thereto.

9 3. A proposed deadline for filing any administrative record.

10 4. A proposed deadline for filing dispositive motions.

11 5. An indication whether trial will be required in this matter and, if so, an
12 indication (i) when the matter will be ready for trial; (ii) whether such trial will be jury or
13 non-jury; and (iii) how long such trial is anticipated to take.

14 6. An indication whether any party wishes a scheduling conference before a
15 scheduling order is entered in this case. If the parties are unable to agree on any part of
16 the Joint Status Report, they may answer in separate paragraphs. No separate reports are
17 to be filed.

18 The time for filing the Joint Status Report may be extended only by the Court.
19 Any request for extension should be made telephonically by calling chambers at 206-370-
20 8830. If the parties wish to have a status conference with the Court at any time during
21 the pendency of this action, they should contact chambers. Finally, if this matter is
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1 resolved by further agency action or settled, the parties shall immediately notify the Court
2 at 206-370-8830.

3 This Minute Order is issued at the outset of the case, and a copy is sent by the
4 Clerk to counsel for plaintiff and any defendants who have appeared. Plaintiff's counsel
5 is directed to serve copies of this Minute Order on all parties who appear after this Order
6 is filed, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of service of each appearance. Plaintiff's
7 counsel will be responsible for starting the communications needed to comply with this
8 Minute Order.

9 Failure by any party to fully comply with this Minute Order may result in the
10 imposition of sanctions, including dismissal of the case.

11 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of record.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 Dated this 18th day of November, 2024.

14 Ravi Subramanian
15 Clerk

16 s/Laurie Cuaresma
17 Deputy Clerk
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